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2003 Libertarian Party Convention To Be Held In New Haven

Libertarian Party Presidential Contender to Speak

The Libertarian Party of Connecticut will hold its 2003 Convention on July 12th at The Colony Hotel in New Haven. One Libertarian Party Presidential hopeful, Gary Nolan, has already agreed to speak, and others are being contacted. In addition, a forum is planned on "Civil Liberties in the Post-911 Era", and is to include non-Libertarian participants.

The South Central Connecticut location allows easier access for shoreline Libertarians. Hartford area Libertarians are still within a reasonable drive of this location.

The Convention, which will be held from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m., will be preceded by the business meeting at 2:00 p.m. A hot buffet dinner with a number of selections will be included. Registration forms and information will be mailed

and will also be available to print directly from the web site.

This promises to be one of the most exciting Conventions in years. To see

the details as they are finalized, check on www.lpct.org, and/or subscribe to the activist-list. Be sure to register before July 1st, for a significant savings.



The Colony Hotel in New Haven

Recent Events

On April 15th Libertarians picketed Post Offices and handed out literature in three major cities: Hartford, New Haven and Stamford. Taxpayers were reminded of the Libertarian Party position on taxes at this particularly painful moment in the tax "season". Thanks to all those who volunteered to make this effort a three-city event for the second year in a row.

Ken Gordon, Libertarian Party Communications Director, was interviewed in a documentary on independent parties in Connecticut. Although not scheduled yet for air time, screenings are being held early this summer.

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Stamford's "Lectures on Liberty"

by Courtenay Hough

From the beginning, the Stamford Libertarian Town Committee has had an interest in bringing speakers to libertarians' attention. Our second meeting in 1995 had a speaker from the North Stamford Secession Movement. In 1999 we brought Roy Innis, Chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and possible libertarian mayoral candidate for New York City, to Stamford. We drew a crowd of 50 people.

But our speakers were only occasional. When Ken Gordon became Chairman, it was his idea to have speakers on a regular basis. Ken has been

the catalyst for expanding our range from a local to a regional basis as Fairfield County has enormous wealth, talent and media savvy. We settled on Fairfield County as our mailing range also because most residents were only about an hour's drive (at most) to see our speakers.

Our first event was a modest success. We had an audience of 15, three of whom signed up for our mailing list and one woman who joined the Town Committee. We also had a busy literature table fully stocked with Libertarian Party and International Society for Individual Liberty material.

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CCSU invites Liberty to the panel on “The Political Spectrum of Feminism”

by Linda Rasch

I had the excellent opportunity to be invited to a panel discussion at Central Connecticut State University on April 4, 2003. The discussion had several political points of view: Candace DeRussy, Ph.D represented a Classical Liberal position, Christine Doyle, Ph.D, a Liberal position; and Renee White, Ph.D, added a Radical political position. I presented a strictly Libertarian position (aka an Individualist Feminist position). The forum was fascinating and fun! Interestingly enough, it became a Libertarian dominated discussion. Our wonderful host and moderator was former CCSU professor Carol Shmurak.

The panel was asked several questions on feminism, and each panel member gave their point of view. One of the topics was Affirmative Action. I, predictably enough, said that I do not agree with Affirmative Action. If the government tried to give special “rights” to a person (or certain group of people), then they take away rights

away from someone else.

The audience was very interactive and thought provoking. At one point, someone from the audience very pointedly remarked that the government gave women x% more jobs through Affirmative Action! I responded that the



Linda Rasch speaking at CCSU

government messed everything up to begin with by not allowing women to vote or own property in their own

names, so I wouldn't be impressed with a x% “fix” on their errors!

Throughout the entire discussion, the Libertarian viewpoint appeared to dominate. Candace DeRusse seemed to support this position almost completely. The only time, as I recall, that this swayed, was when Dr. DeRusse supported vouchers for education. I pointed out that vouchers still gave control of education to the government. The only real choice is to get back our tax dollars and choose where our children are educated.

The audience was so taken with the Libertarian position, the moderator had a bit of a struggle trying to get the subject back to feminism!

Thank you, Carol Shmurak, (who describes her husband as a “card holding” Libertarian!) and CCSU for such a fascinating and enjoyable discussion.

MEETINGS

State Central Committee Meeting - Tuesday, June 17, 2003

The monthly Libertarian Party of Connecticut State Central Committee meeting will be held at the Town Hall in Wethersfield on Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to members and to the public.

Agenda:

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Political Director's Report

Membership Report

Communications Report

Chairman's Report

Old Business:

Ballot Access – Status

Advertising in College Papers – Status

Convention

New Business:

Web Site List Management

Candidate Recruitment

Outreach Events

Directions:

From North: I-91 South to Exit 28

(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From South: I-91 North to Exit 28

(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From East: I-84 West to Exit 57

(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From West: I-84 East to I-91 South,

to Exit 28

(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

Route 5 & 15 South: Take Exit 85

(Route 99/Silas Deane Hwy) South.

At the 4th traffic light, turn right onto

Church St. Turn into first driveway

on left.

Lectures on Liberty

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The audience was about 50-50 libertarian and non-libertarian. The speaker was Robert Graham, author of “April 15th: The Fear Factor”.

The next lecture will be on June 26, 7:30 p.m.: James Madison: “U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East”.

To make a donation and/or be added to the mailing list, call Courtenay Hough at 203-325-2914. For a contribution of \$100 or more we will send you a videotape of the event, recorded by Ken Gordon's Studio Associates, Ltd.

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Lenny Rasch, Libertarian Party of Connecticut Chairman, was the guest on a cable access talk show called “Making a Statement”. The half-hour show, which airs in the Waterbury area on Channel 13, hosted Lenny on May 8th, 15th, and 22nd. The show is produced by Jason Carlascio, who is a recently registered Libertarian. A tape of the three shows may be available for distribution on your local cable access channel – please contact chairman@lpct.org.

Strategy Session - Saturday, June 7, 2003

The June Strategy session will be held on June 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Cherished Children Learning Center, 72 North Harwinton Avenue, Terryville. Please check the lpct.org website for directions and details.